INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✢ Maundy Thursday • April 17th, 2025 ✢

Worship Notes: *• Our Lector for today is Mimi Fisher • Our Crucifer for today is Teresa Boykin • Our Organist and Choir Director is Janet Marks •*

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY: My Song is Love Unknown John Ireland, setting by Burkhardt

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as able.*

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✢ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
BEACH SPRING

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, **source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 7, 11-14

[1]The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: [2]This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. [3]Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. [4]If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [7]They shall take some of the blood

and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. [11]This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. [12]For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13]The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. [14]This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

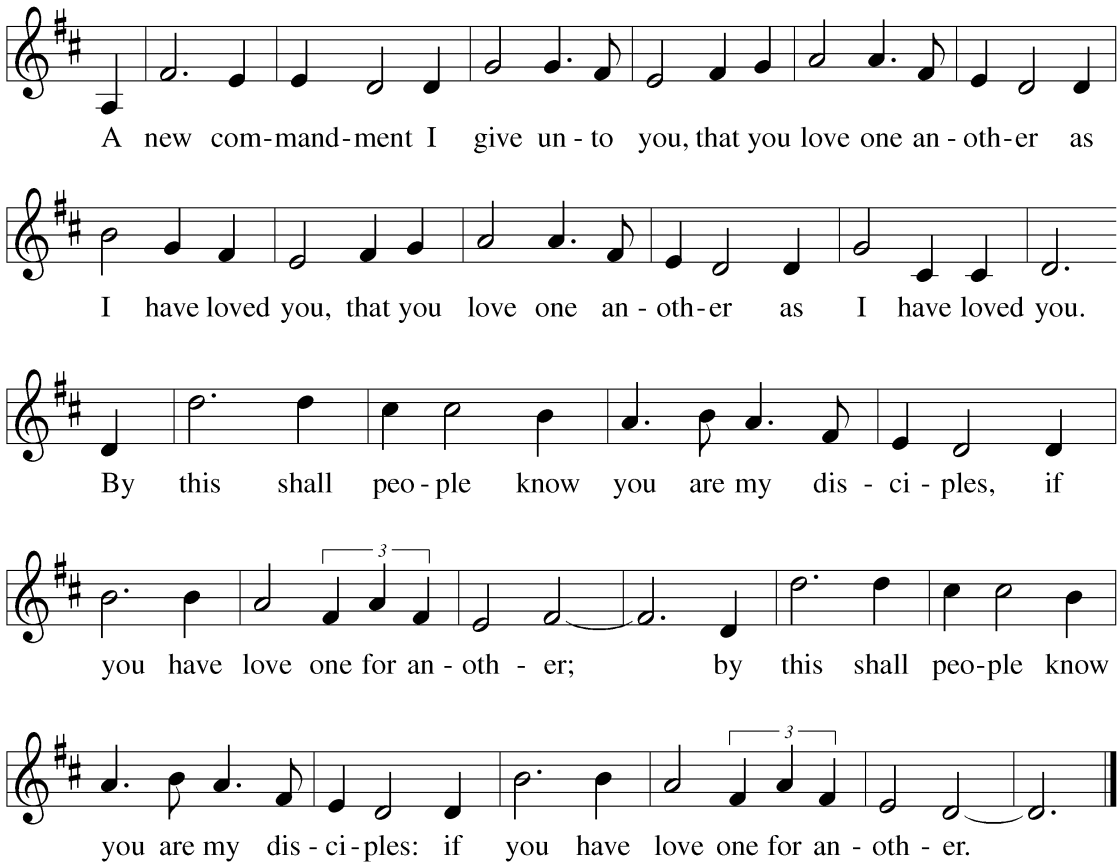
PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 *Read responsively*

[1]I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
[2]**for the LORD has given ear to me**
whenever I called.
[12]How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?
[13]**I will lift the cup of salvation**
and call on the name of the LORD.
[14]I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.
[15]**Precious in your sight, O LORD,**
is the death of your servants.
[16]O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
[17]**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving**
and call upon the name of the LORD.
[18]I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,
[19]**in the courts of the LORD's house,**
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
[23]For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, [24]and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [25]In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26]For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV 664 A New Commandment



GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 *Please stand as able.*
Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[1]Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world
and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2]The devil
had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper [3]Jesus,
knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was
going to God, [4]got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. [5]Then he
poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that
was tied around him. [6]He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my
feet?" [7]Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." [8]Peter
said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with
me." [9]Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10]Jesus said to
him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are
clean, though not all of you." [11]For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of
you are clean." [12]After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he
said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? [13]You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are
right, for that is what I am. [14]So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to
wash one another's feet. [15]For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to
you. [16]Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than
the one who sent them. [17]If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." [31b]"Now the Son of
Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. [32]If God has been glorified in him, God will
also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. [33]Little children, I am with you only a little
longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you

cannot come.' 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please be seated.*

SERMON Pastor Emily Willhide

As a sign and symbol of Christ's love for us and in obedience to his command to serve one another, the congregation is invited to come to the front of the church for hand washing.

HANDWASHING: ELW 708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
CHEREPONI

APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Each petition concludes *"God of grace,"* We respond: "**Hear our prayer."**

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL
The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation for those not using online giving

ANTHEM: Lamb of God

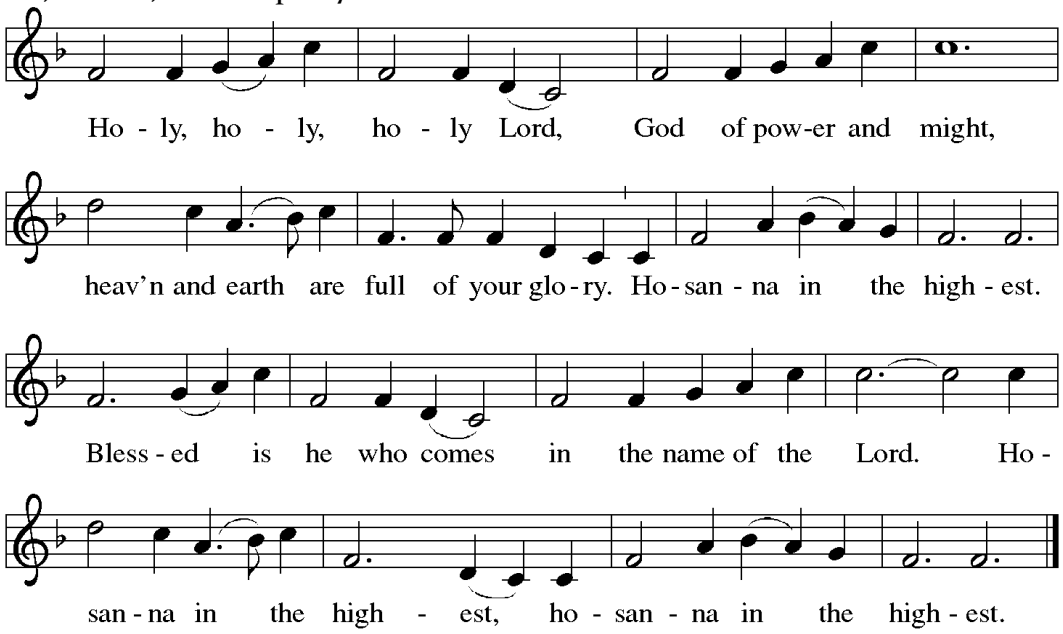
OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 686 (verse 1) We Give Thee But Thine Own
HEATH

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.207



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread. **Thanks be to God**

COMMUNION - *We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. Please take an empty communion glass from the trays at the front of the church. The*

innermost ring of glasses are pre-filled with grape juice for those who prefer juice to wine. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

LAMB OF GOD: p.208

COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 359 Where Charity and Love Prevail
TWENTY-FOURTH

ELW 477 I Received the Living God
LIVING GOD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand as able.*
Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR: *Please be seated.*
The congregation is invited to come to the foot of the steps to receive elements from the chancel. Please convey each element to the side door on the pulpit side and hand it off to a member of altar guild.

PSALM 22:

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?
2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not
answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
3 Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
4 In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
5 To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
6 But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
7 All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their
heads;
8 "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him
deliver —
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"
9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
10 On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been
my God.
11 Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.
12 Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
13 they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
16 For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;
17 I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
18 they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
19 But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have
rescued me.
22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and
sisters
in the midst of the congregation I will
praise you:
23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of
Israel!
24 For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.
25 From you comes my praise in the great
congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear
him.
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
28 For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the
earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to
the dust,
and I shall live for him.
30 Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the
LORD,
31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people
yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

The congregation departs in silence.